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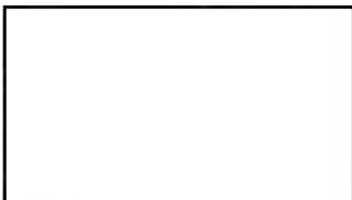
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2. Japanese-Korean negotiations promise to be difficult:

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The Japanese-South Korean negotiations over the problem of Korean residents in Japan promise to be difficult and have little chance of success unless American pressure is exerted on both parties, according to

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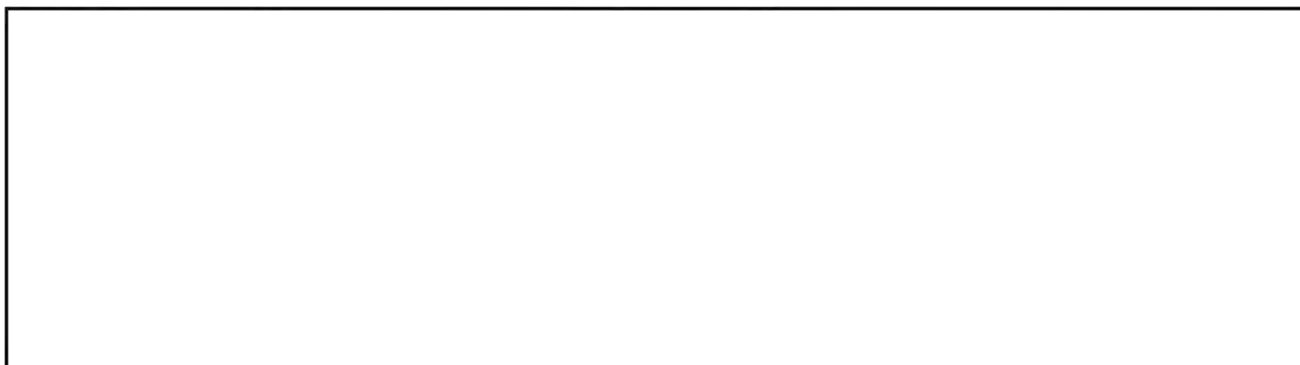


Comment: The Korean minority, estimated to number between 600,000 and 1,000,000, of whom two-thirds are considered pro-North Korean, have been the instigators of many postwar civil disturbances in Japan. The Japanese Government would like either to deport unruly elements or to insure good behavior by the threat of deportation. The South Korean Government, however, while in no position to accept such a mass transfer, wishes to have its jurisdiction over this minority recognized and has virtually demanded extraterritorial privileges for Koreans in Japan.

The Koreans desire US pressure to bring about Japanese acquiescence, while the Japanese wish to stall until after the peace treaty goes into effect and they become relatively immune to Korean pressure.

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4. Turkish-Iranian relations deteriorate:

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Turkish-Iranian relations have deteriorated as a result of Turkish support of Britain in the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute. Turkey is being denounced as "a stooge of the British and Americans and a traitor to the Moslem world." Communists and fellow-travelers are exploiting the situation in order to hinder the plans for an expanded Middle East Command.

Comment: Although Iran tends to follow the lead of Turkey in international affairs, traditional suspicion and jealousy of a strong neighbor have made Turkish-Iranian relations difficult.

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WESTERN EUROPE

7. A "rightist solution" is not imminent in France:

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The US Embassy in Paris concludes on the eve of the new Assembly session that the disunity among the components of the middle-of-the-road coalition "has at least not worsened and may in fact be less now than when the Assembly recessed in September." While Premier Plevin has neither made nor received commitments envisaging more solid Socialist support of the government, the likelihood of an early deal between the other supporting parties and the Gaullists appears to have lessened.

The new Secretary-General of the Gaullist party has indicated that, although the General "realizes he must share the government with others on a coalition basis," he insists on having firm leadership of such a coalition himself.

Comment: This is a further indication that the middle-of-the-road coalition should not be expected to crumble in the near future despite the growing weight of the problems facing the Plevin government.

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